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For: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT CONTAINING  
FULLLENGTH GENOME OF HUMAN  
HEPATITIS C VIRUS, RECOMBINANT  
FULLLENGTH VIRUS GENOME-  
REPLICATING CELLS HAVING THE  
NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT  
TRANSFERRED THEREINTO AND METHOD  
OF PRODUCING HEPATITIS C VIRUS  
PARTICLE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.